

THE COVENANTER
June 02, 2019

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(USA)



Kickin' It at Covenant is back this summer. For six Wednesdays in June and July, kids and adults are welcome to come hang out for ice cream, games, and a short program. We need volunteers to help make this happen! See the available slots on the Sign-Up Genius page at <https://bit.ly/2X5tKhs>. **Schedule will be as follows:** 6:30-7:00: Lesson and activity for kids. 7:00-7:15: Ice cream 7:15-8:00: Indoor/outdoor games. Can include kickball, capture the flag, freeze tag, or one of our cooperative board games for Wednesdays June 12, 19 & 26 and July 10, 17 & 24.

It is time to sign up to bring **Punch & Cookies** for after 9:45am worship service beginning June 2. You will find the sign up sheet on the bulletin board next to the mailboxes. *(Please no red punch)*



**9:45am Worship
begins today, June 2**

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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COVENANT'S COFFEE HOUSE

And TALENT SHOW!

Saturday, June 29 at 6pm.

This year's **Covenant Coffee House** will be held on

Saturday, June 29 at 6pm. Dust off those tap shoes, polish those jokes, warm up your voices and tune your instruments - we would love to see your performance that evening! Contact James Malone at gillbillcolumn1@yahoo.com or Robyn Malone at ransley2@hotmail.com for ?'s. Please sign up to help with set up, clean up and to bring food, and your talents.

Please note that the mailbox arrangement has changed. I have incorporated our friends from Central and tried to put everyone in alphabetical order as much as possible. Session members and the clerk of Session are still located at the far end. *(If the location of your mailbox is inconvenient please let me know and I will try to relocate your box.)* Thanks, Karen

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: : Pam Knox, recovering from a recent knee injury; Janet Smith, recovering at home from a knee replacement May 29; Alice Rose, in treatment for a non-cancerous brain lesion; Brian Striggow's sister-in-law Janet in Milledgeville, in treatment for esophageal cancer, and mourning the recent death of her husband; Jack Parsons' friend with breast cancer, facing difficult choices; Craig Topple & his former congregation in Santa Fe, in the recent death of their member & friend Barbara Medina; Jeremy Reaves & friends, in the sudden death of both a colleague and his mother; Catharine Tyson's sister-in-law, having abdominal surgery June 6; Elsie Bothwell, home now after being hospitalized this past week for an allergic reaction to her antibiotics; Dianne Ralph, at home.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday	June 03	Joel 2: 21-32
Tuesday	June 04	Acts 2: 1-21
Wednesday	June 05	Genesis 11: 1-9
Thursday	June 06	Romans 8: 14-17
Friday	June 07	Ephesians 4: 1-16
Saturday	June 08	John 14: 8-17, 25-27
Sunday	June 09	Psalm 104: 24-34,35b



Title: *The Chaos of Pentecost*

Theme: What Looks & feels like chaos to us may simply be the beautifully diverse creativity of God at work!



WHEN: every Tuesday 5:30pm—6:30pm
Beginning June 18th

WHERE: Athens Nurses Clinic, 240 North Av.
Call ANC to sign up today 706-613-6976.

This is a year long program proven to help participants lose weight, lower their A1C, and feel great! We help you modify your lifestyle by eating healthier, getting active, and reducing stress. Don't miss out on this free program.

WHO'S WHO at Covenant? Who at Covenant climbed the tallest mountain on the African continent, which is the highest free-standing mountain in the world, Mt. Kilimanjaro?

Who's Who: Joe Berry, retired pastor in our presbytery and former Parish Associate at Central

2018-2019 FINANCIAL REPORT YTD

Fiscal Year to Date: Week #48

Anticipated Pledges: \$429,648.92

Received Pledges: \$410,096.04

Now is the time to catch up on your giving. The end of the fiscal year is soon!

Caring Hands Offering: \$1,870.00

Treasurer's Reminder:

As we approach summer and the end of the fiscal year, please remember to turn in all receipts for which you need reimbursement to the office after getting approval from the appropriate ministry team. *Thanks for your contributions to Covenant!*



Learn more about the Bible!

Youth Group Happenings!

Middler Fundraiser for Montreat: Middlers are earning some money for Montreat! They're helping out with projects around the church, led by Building and Grounds Chair, Richard Reaves. Remaining dates: June 8 and June 15 from 10am - noon. Also, the CovPres community is being asked to "hire a middler!" Do you have a project you could use a Middler or two to help with? Those who "hire" the middlers are asked to pay \$10/hr, and provide a minimum of 2 hours of work. The work is to be supervised and there must be two adults present at the place of work. All jobs will be approved by an adult youth leader and a parent/caregiver of the youth. Get your "Hiring" on!



Middlers, tubing in Helen! The Middlers had a great time tubing in Helen on Saturday, June 1.

Middle School Conference -- Montreat at Maryville College, July 17-21. Six youth will travel with Sarah Shannon and Mary Barnett to Maryville College for five days of fun and faith formation. This year's theme is "For Such a Time is This" (read more on at montreat.org). It's not too late to sign up. If you want to go, please speak with Craig.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH and Leaders leaving today for the Montreat Youth Conference.

Wednesday Morning Adult Bible Study at
10:00am will continue through June.
All are welcome!



ATHENS AREA EMERGENCY

FOOD BANK! The month of June
Covenant is collecting these items

for the AAEBF: **canned pork and beans, canned salmon, and sweet peas.** Thank you Covenant and may we all have enough!

If you know of a "fun fact" about a Covenant member or friend or yourself (!), then please give it to Beecher for the **Who's Who** column in the newsletter.
Thanks!



Covenant Breakfast Club
Monday, June 3rd at 8am.
Cracker Barrel on Epps
Bridge Road. Join us for a
good time of conversation
and food.

Caren Snook's husband Maurice is offering chemical magic shows in area libraries this summer, free & open to the public Sat. June 22 (1pm), ACC Library, for late middle school age & older - and Thurs. July 25 (3pm) Bogart Library, for all ages, and you get to make slime! Come & enjoy "Space Chemistry Magic Right Here on Earth!" See the bulletin board for more dates in other counties.

Meditation on Psalm 46:10

Be still and know that I am God.

Be still and know that I am.

Be still and know.

Be still.

Be.

Women's Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, June 15

9:00am at East Friendship Baptist Church
400 Arch Street

All are welcome to come join in prayer
and a hearty breakfast.

Going underground with WoRM! “let the little children come unto me.” - Jesus



Super long question: Are you willing to be part of the WoRM rotation, as a Shepherd and/or Teacher during the fall and spring of 2019-2020, where you will nurture with amazing children aged k-5th grade with other cool people like yourself? If you answered yes or if you want more information, please contact Craig Topple. He's trying to help put the pieces in place for that period before his time with Covenant in that role ends (end of June).

Parents Corner: Recently I listened to the following podcast, “Becoming Wise” in which Krista Tippett had a conversation with Sandy Eisenberg Sasso--rabbi emerita of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck in Indianapolis, where she was spiritual leader for 36 years. Her books for adults and children include “God’s Paintbrush” and “Midrash: Reading the Bible with Question Marks”. Here is a slightly abridged portion of the interview as you may consider your involvement with the spiritual nurturing of the children of Covenant Presbyterian.

Tippett: What advice do you give parents who come to you and ask, “How do I nurture this aspect of my child’s being that I may not understand myself? How do I give them experiences of the sacred?”

Rabbi Sasso: “If we’re going to nurture the spiritual lives of our children we have to nurture our own spiritual lives. We have to take time in our lives to reflect, perhaps be part of a community that talks about issues of spirituality, to read. When we [first become] parents, we’re clueless about what we’re supposed to do. We read books — how to feed them, how to bring them up, how to get them to sleep, how to potty-train them. We ought to also engage in educating ourselves about our own spiritual lives because it’s very difficult to share with children what you’re thinking if you haven’t been thinking about these issues... Most of what we do in terms of nurturing our children’s spirituality really happens when no one else is looking — meaning, it’s not all planned for. It’s what happens every day. What do you do when you see a homeless person on the street? How do you respond when an animal gets run over on the road, a squirrel, for example? How do we act with other people? All of these are messages to our children about what really matters in life, what’s precious, what’s more important than earning a living and going through our daily routine. Society does a very good job in teaching us how to be consumers and a very good job in teaching us how to be competitors. The question I think parents are struggling to answer is, how do we not just teach our children’s minds, but how do we teach their souls? And that’s a much deeper question. I know *we want our children to be more than consumers and competitors*. We want something much more. We want our children to be gracious and grateful. We want them to have courage in difficult times. We want them to have a sense of joy and purpose. That’s what it means to nurture their spiritual lives.”

Covenant Connection will start up again on Wednesday, September 11, 2019. If you are willing to help with Covenant Connection in the 2019-2020 school year please let Sarah Shannon know:
sarah@shannons.us

Late July Chips: The Rock Stars of Chips! Why are Late July Chips the ROCK STARS of chips? It’s because the Late July company partners with TerraCycle to reward the groups that collect Late July Chip bags. The reward is two-part: **1.** UPS labels are provided for shipping boxes of Late July Chip bags to TerraCycle. **2.** For every 2 lbs. of chip bags shipped, the collecting organization is paid \$1.00. This is not true for all the other brands of chip/salty snack bags.

If you only like potato chips, then Late July Chips are not for you, but if you like corn and multigrain chips, be sure to look for Late July Chips. At Kroger, the large bags of Chia & Quinoa Tortilla Chips and Sub-Lime Multigrain Tortilla Chips are on sale through July 23. Kroger and other stores carry additional flavors, shapes and colors of organic corn chips. You can put the bags in the same drawer with the other chip/salty snack bags. *Caren Snook for the Green Dream Team*

Welcome Karen Fletcher, Summer Seminary Intern-

We are delighted that (another!) unexpected door has opened and standing on the other side is a new partner in the journey of serving Christ's Beloved Community in Athens. Karen Fletcher is currently enrolled in a dual degree program at Columbia Theological Seminary and hopes to complete her Master of Divinity and Master of Arts in Practical Theology in 2021. You may recognize that these are the same degrees recently completed by Karen's good friend, Colleen Cook. Karen, her husband and four children live on campus at CTS, but will be living with family in Commerce this summer. Karen served as a ruling elder and chairperson of the worship committee at Commerce Presbyterian Church when Craig Topple was their interim pastor. She is currently a member of North Decatur Presbyterian Church. In her own words, Karen hopes to realize two main objectives:

"To be in communion with and learn from ministers and individuals from many walks of life and areas of experience;" and "to use my Spirit-led gifts to nurture the spiritual formation of God's people, paying attention to body, mind, and spirit." Please extend a warm welcome to Karen as our summer intern beginning in early June.

let's do lunch

Join the Restaurant Roadtrip for its monthly outing, this time on Tuesday, June 11, at 11:30am, at the Golden Sun Chinese restaurant, 4375 Lexington Road, by Wal-Mart. Separate checks.

Meet us there – or carpool from the church by 11:15am. Please SIGNUP on the bulletin board by the mailboxes, to let us know your plans. *Always good fun & fellowship!*

Dear Reverend Harper:

If I had the vocabulary of Shakespeare and Milton I would not be able to find words to express my gratitude to you and Covenant Presbyterian Church for the beautiful Weeping Kousa dogwood tree given to me and the church on the occasion of my fifty-eighth pastoral anniversary. It has been planted in a garden on the side of the church and will serve as a reminder of the friendship, fellowship, and shared services between our congregations over the years.

Thank you again.

In the spirit of Christ and brotherhood,


James Kendrick



You are invited to Colleen Cooks Ordination Service on June 9th at 4pm. Kim Long (co-editor of the new Presbyterian Book of Common Worship and formerly my professor) will be preaching. Pastors Mark and Beecher will be giving charges.

Colleen's Ordination Reception will follow in the fellowship hall. If you would like to bring food, or help set up or clean up please sign up on the sheet next to the mailboxes. Thank you!

WEEK OF June 02, 2019—

SUNDAY—

YOUTH AND LEADERS LEAVE FOR MONTREAT

9:45am Worship
11:15am Punch & Cookies
2:30pm Debtors Anonymous
3:30pm Overeaters Anonymous

MONDAY—

8am Covenant Breakfast Club at Cracker Barrel, Epps Bridge Road
OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY-

9:30am Athens Mothers Center
8pm New Freedom

WEDNESDAY—

8:30am—9:30am AA
10am Adult Bible Study
7pm Adult Choir (final)

THURSDAY—

2pm Knitters & Knotters
6:30pm YOGA
7pm Celebrate Recovery

FRIDAY-

9:30am Athens Mothers Center
8pm New Freedom

SATURDAY—

Fellowship Hall Cleaned

WEEK OF June 09, 2019—

SUNDAY— PENTECOST

9:15am Pentecost languages rehearsal
9:45am Pentecost Worship & celebrating Central Pres. members
11:15am Pentecost Reception in the fellowship hall
2:30pm Debtors Anonymous
3:30pm Overeaters Anonymous
3:15pm Presbytery commission for Colleen Cook
4pm Colleen Cook's Ordination Service with reception following in the fellowship hall

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11:30am Restaurant Roadtrip to Golden Sun on Lexington Road
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SATURDAY—

9:00am Women's prayer Breakfast at EFBC
Fellowship Hall Cleaned



WORSHIP—June 02, 2019

9:45am

Reader: Luanne Rigsby

Ushers: Jim & Dorothy Newland, Dick Zimdars, Stephanie Cahill,
Betsy Pless

Greeters: Anna Cobb, Shari Cobb, Jimmy Cobb

Congregational Care: Marilyn Brown

Counters: Judy Capie, Sue Loegel

Flowers: Hilda & Alex Clark

Plant Care: Frank Allen

Open the Building: Alex Clark

Close the Building: Hank Tweedell

Grounds Stewards: Wayne Crowell (June 3—9)

Nursery/Super: DeLynda Tweedell

Birth—Walking: DeLynda Tweedell

Walking—5 years old: Don Bower, Richard & Marcia Page

WORSHIP—June 09, 2019

9:45am

Reader: Sallie Hale

Ushers: Randy & Susan Parish, Bill Rigsby, Phil & Linda Koehler

Greeters: Jim & Dorothy Newland

Congregational Care: Marilyn Brown

Counters: Paige Campbell, Sue Loegel

Flowers: Ginger Davis-Beck

Plant Care: Frank Allen

Open the Building: Steve Bell

Close the Building: Rich Reaves

Grounds Stewards: Hank Tweedell (June 10—16)

Nursery/Super: Joan Baird

Birth—Walking: Joan Baird

Walking—5 years old: Ann & Jim Anderson, Stephanie Cahill